Medical Officer of Health's Report

FOR THE

Urban Sanitary District

OF

Barton-Upon-Humber

FOR THE YEAR 1922

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To the Chairman and Members of the Urban District Council of Barton-on-Humber.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present to you my report for 1922.

General Statistics.

The area of Barton-on-Humber is 6343 acres.

The population is 6491.

There are 1683 inhabited houses in the town.

The Rateable Value of the district is £30,532, and a penny rate represents about £100.

Vital Statistics.

	Total.	Males.	Females.
BIRTHS...	161 ...	71	90
Legitimate	154 ...	69	85
Illegitimate	7 ...	2	5

Birth Rate 24·8 per 1000.

	Total.	Males.	Females.
DEATHS	104 ...	58	46

Death Rate 16 per 1000.

VITAL STATISTICS (continued).

Causes of Death.	Total.	Males.	Females.
Diphtheria	1 ...		1
Influenza...	7 ...	5	2
Tuberculosis of the respiratory system	6 ...	3	3
Other Tuberculous diseases ...	5 ...	3	2
Cancer and other malignant disease...	11 ...	3	8
Diabetes	2 ...	1	1
Cerebral Hœmorrhage, etc. ...	9 ...	7	2
Heart Disease	10 ...	8	2
Arterio-sclerosis	2 ...	1	1
Bronchitis	3 ...	2	1
Pneumonia (all forms) ...	4 ...	4	
Other Respiratory diseases ...	1 ...	1	
Diarrhœa, etc. (under 2 years)	2 ...	1	1
Nephritis	1 ...		1
Congenital debility and Malformation, or premature birth	9 ...	4	5
Deaths from violence	1 ...	1	
Other defined diseases... ...	30 ...	14	16
Deaths of infants under 1 year (included above)			
Legitimate	15 ...	8	7
Illegitimate	1 ...		1

Infantile Mortality Rate 99·4
Legitimate 97·4
Illegitimate 142·9

Notifiable Diseases.

The following infectious diseases have been notified to me by medical men during the year—

Diphtheria ...	... 16		
Scarlet Fever...	... 6		
Typhoid Fever	... 1		
Chicken Pox ...	... 28		
Erysipelas ...	... 2		
Whoopingcough	... 44		
Tuberculosis—		Male.	Females.
Pulmonary ...	...	9	5
Non-pulmonary ...	...	2	6

Nursing Arrangements, etc.

A very efficient Nurse is provided by a private Association for general district work, exclusive of Midwifery.

There is no certified Midwife practising in the town.

The Lindsey County Council has a Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, a School clinic, and Tuberculosis clinic, at its premises on the Westfield Road.

A wheeled Ambulance is kept at Mrs. R. Fox Smith's, in High Street.

There is no hospital in the district.

Pathological and bacteriological examinations are carried out by the County Medical Officer at Lincoln.

Water Supply.

The Water supply from the Waterworks is good, and many more houses should be connected to the mains. More than 50% of the houses in the town are supplied from pumps and wells, many of which are inefficient, and others are open to pollution.

It is satisfactory to note, however, that more houses are connected to the mains than was the case last year.

Sanitary Administration.

There are in the district

287 Waterclosets,
338 Privies and Ashpits,
1058 Box or Pail Closets.

The water carriage system should be considerably extended. Many of the Ashpits and boxes are anything but sanitary, and cannot be emptied sufficiently often with the present scavenging facilities, though these are certainly better than under the old contract system.

Over 800 visits have been made by the Sanitary Inspector and 319 Inspections reported to the Urban Council where Sanitary conditions called for action. In most cases defects have been remedied on informal notice.

The Council employs one full-time Surveyor and Inspector, and one part-time Medical Officer.

Bake-houses, Slaughter-houses, dairies, cowsheds, and Milkshops, together with the utensils used therein, are under constant supervision, and a few minor repairs have been carried out.

Housing.

One new house has been erected.

1. *Unfit dwelling houses.*

Inspection—(1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	174
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910	83
(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	16
(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	151

2. *Remedy of Defects without Service of formal Notices.*

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	83

Before closing, I should like to express my appreciation of the work of the late Surveyor and Inspector, Mr. Stevenson; and to extend a welcome to his successor, Mr. Else, whose zeal is already apparent.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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BARTON-ON-HUMBER.